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ZSTRAP™



WRATH OF THE TAngLER!



HIGH ABOVE THE PLANET, THE ZEGALOID
ATTACK FORCE PREPARES TO INVADE EARTH!

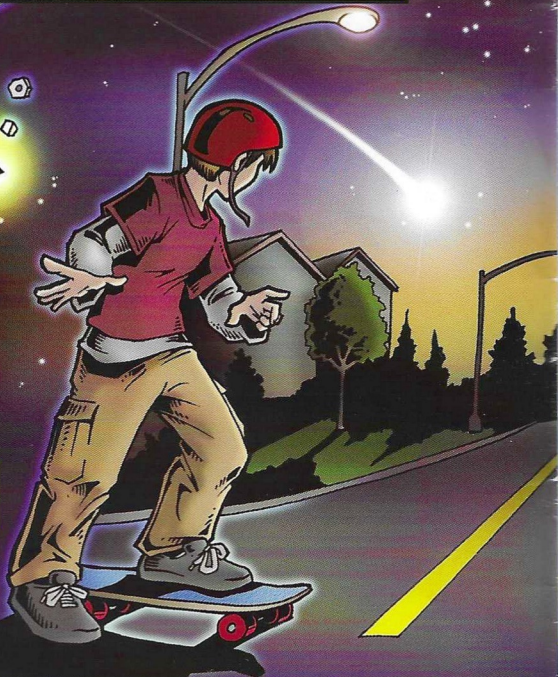
BUT THEY ACCIDENTALLY LOST
A VITAL PART OF THEIR WAR MACHINE...
THE INCREDIBLE "Z MATRIX!"

UH-OH!

IT FELL TO EARTH LIKE A METEOR...

...ONLY TO BE FOUND BY A YOUNG
SKATEBOARDER NAMED JASON.

IN JASON'S HANDS, THE Z MATRIX
MORPHS ITSELF AROUND HIM...



... GIVING HIM SUPER STRENGTH,
SPEED AND POWERS...

... TURNING HIM INTO:

Z STRAP



BUT THE ZEGALOIDS WANT THEIR Z MATRIX BACK,
AND THEY'LL STOP AT NOTHING TO GET IT!

HIGH ABOVE EARTH...

WELL, DID WE FIND IT YET?

SUPREME LEADER... UH,
I THINK WE... GOT A BEEPING
LIGHT DOWN THERE...

BEEP!
BEEP!

YES!!! THAT MUST BE THE
Z MATRIX!!! RELEASE THE

TANGLER!!

NOT TH... THE TANGLER!

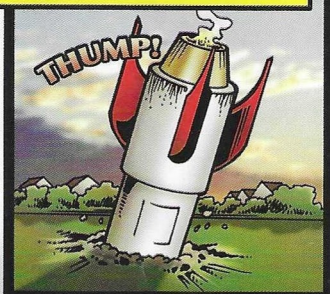
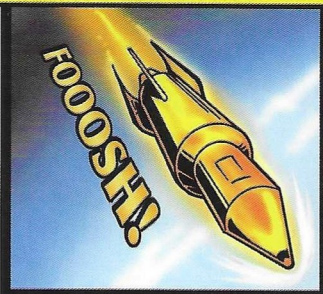
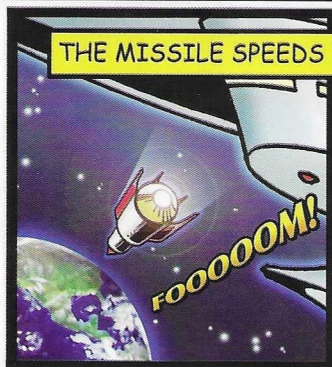
YEAH, WHY NOT? C'MON GUYS,
WORK WITH ME HERE. HE GETS
THE Z MATRIX, BRINGS IT BACK
AND WE HAVE OUR INVASION.
NO BIG WHOOP... RIGHT?

?

YEAH, I GUESS THAT SOUNDS
LIKE A GOOD IDEA.



THE MISSILE SPEEDS TO EARTH, ONLY TO PLANT ITSELF IN THE GROUND...



A DOOR OPENS UP AND THE TANTLER EMERGES...



THE TANTLER SUDDENLY COMES TO LIFE!



NOT IMPRESSED?
JUST WATCH!

IT'S MISSION: FIND THE Z MATRIX!

MEANWHILE, JUST A FEW BLOCKS AWAY...

HEY JASON, IT'S SATURDAY... ARE YOU GOING TO YOUR SCHOOL'S FOOTBALL GAME TODAY?



I MIGHT SKATEBOARD OVER THERE... MAYBE.

OF COURSE HE'S GOING!
HIS GIRLFRIEND, JENNY
IS A CHEERLEADER!!!

HEY! SHUT UP!!

HA HA!



JASON, DON'T TELL YOUR SISTER TO SHUT UP. GABBY, DON'T TEASE YOUR BROTHER ABOUT HIS GIRLFRIEND...

MA?! SHE'S NOT MY GIRLFRIEND!

SUDDENLY...

HEY, COME LOOK AT THE T.V.!



I'M COMING TO YOU LIVE
FROM THE BAKER SCHOOL
FOOTBALL GAME...

ACTION
2
NEWS



IF YOU LOOK BEHIND ME,
THERE APPEARS TO BE A
GIANT... UH TANGLED THING!

ACTION
2
NEWS



IT'S TYING UP EVERYTHING!!
FOOTBALL PLAYERS, STUDENTS,
TEACHERS... AND IT'S GETTING...

AC
2
NEWS



BIGGER! OOOOOOPS!!....*

ACTION
2
NEWS



ACTION
2
NEWS

THE CAMERA GOES FUZZY, AND
JASON RUNS OUT THE DOOR!

JASON, WAIT!!

GET BACK HERE!!

GOTTA GO!
BE BACK LATER!



JASON HIDES BEHIND THE GARAGE
AND ACTIVATES THE Z MATRIX!

TIME TO SEE WHAT
I CAN DO WITH
MY NEW POWERS!

EVERYONE IN TOWN
NEEDS A HERO
RIGHT NOW!

THWACK!

MY DUMB BROTHER
IS... IS...

PEEKING AROUND THE
CORNER, GABBY CAN'T
BELIEVE HER EYES!!!

WHIP!



WITH A KICK AND A FLIP, Z STRAP
SHOES LOCK ON TIGHT!

CLACK!



Z STRAP IS ON HIS WAY!

USING HIS Z MATRIX STRAPS, HE GRABS TREES AND LAMP POSTS...

THIS SUIT WORKS GREAT! I'M GOING FASTER THAN I EVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE!

TIME TO PAY THAT BALL OF STRING A VISIT!

THEY PULL HIM ALONG ON HIS SKATEBOARD AT SUPER SPEED!

WHOOOSH

GRABBING A TREE, HE MAKES A HARD LEFT TURN WITH EASE!

THE SCHOOL IS RIGHT AROUND THIS CORNER!

Z STRAP TURNS THE CORNER TO
COME FACE TO FACE WITH THE
TANGLER, NOW IN TRUE FORM!



THIS THING
IS HUGE!!!

IT'S LIKE A
GIANT MASS OF
SHOELACES!

MONSTEROUS ROPES TANGLE UP CARS, BUSES, PLAYERS,
STUDENTS, THE MARCHING BAND... AND JENNY THE CHEERLEADER!

THE FOOTBALL FIELD
IS A SCENE OF CONFUSION!

SOMEBODY HELP ME!!
IT'S A DOUBLE KNOT!!

SUPREME LEADER! WE'VE
DETECTED THE Z MATRIX!

EXCELLENT!

DON'T WORRY JENNY!
I'LL BE RIGHT UP!

HEY, HOW DO YOU
KNOW MY NAME?

IT'S ME, JA... I MEAN, UH...

OOPS! I ALMOST GAVE
AWAY MY SECRET IDENTITY!

BEHIND YOU!!

BEHIND ME?

THE TAngLER SNEAKS
UP BEHIND Z STRAP!

HEH HEH HEH!
I'VE FOUND YOU!

OUCH!

TWACK!!

AWESOME!

SOMEONE GIMME
A HIGH-THREE!!

BACK ON EARTH...

WHEW! THIS THING IS
TOO STRONG FOR ME!

woosh!

woosh!

THE TANTLER'S ROPES CLOSE
IN LIKE HEAT SEEKING MISSILES!

Z STRAP NARROWLY ESCAPES!


FOOOOSH!

WAIT A MINUTE! THIS BALL OF TWINE
ISN'T AFTER THE SCHOOL KIDS!

IT'S AFTER ME!

GIVE ME THE Z MATRIX!!!

YOU WANT IT?
COME GET IT...

A character wearing a red suit with a large 'Z' on the chest and a hood with a 'Z' cutout. They are holding two red lightning bolts, one in each hand. The background is purple with a large red lightning bolt shape.

IT'S TIME TO USE
YOUR HEAD Z STRAP...

ZING!

ZING!

The Z Strapping character is shown in a smaller frame, suspended in the air by a yellow and red striped sling. The sling is attached to a yellow rectangular frame that resembles a football goalpost. The background is a green field under a blue sky.

USING HIS STRAPS, HE
CREATES A GIANT SLING
SHOT WITH THE
FOOTBALL GOAL POST!

YOU MAY BE BIGGER
THAN ME...

THE TANGLER CLOSES IN...

...BUT I'M FASTER THAN YOU!

THEN Z STRAP BLASTS
AROUND THE TANGLER
AT LIGHTNING SPEED!

A large, brown, mummy-like figure with a red lightning bolt on its chest is being attacked by several Z Strapping characters. The Z Strapping characters are in various poses, some jumping and some running, with motion lines indicating fast movement. The background is purple with black swirling lines.

CONFUSED, THE TANGLER
STARTS TO DROP STUDENTS...

THE TAngLER DROPS EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE AS HE CHASES Z STRAP OVER, UNDER AND AROUND WITH HIS LACES...

THAT'S IT! JUST A LITTLE MORE...

IT'S THE THING I HATE MOST ABOUT SHOELACES...

Z STRAP BINDS UP THE TAngLER'S LACES AND PULLS TIGHT!

THE DREADED DOUBLE KNOT!!

THE CROWD CHEERS AS Z STRAP STANDS ATOP THE TAngLER, NOW AS HELPLESS AS A BALL OF YARN!

UH OH...

HOORAY!

CAN WE PLAY FOOTBALL NOW?

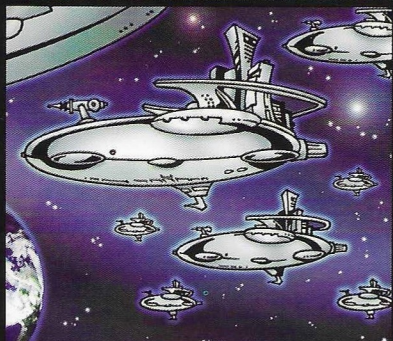
AWESOME!

THANKS, DUDE!

WAY TO GO!



HIGH ABOVE EARTH, THE
ZEGALOIDS CRY IN DEFEAT.



WE WERE THIS CLOSE! (SOB)
SOMEONE GET ME A DONUT
OR A COOKIE OR SOMETHING!

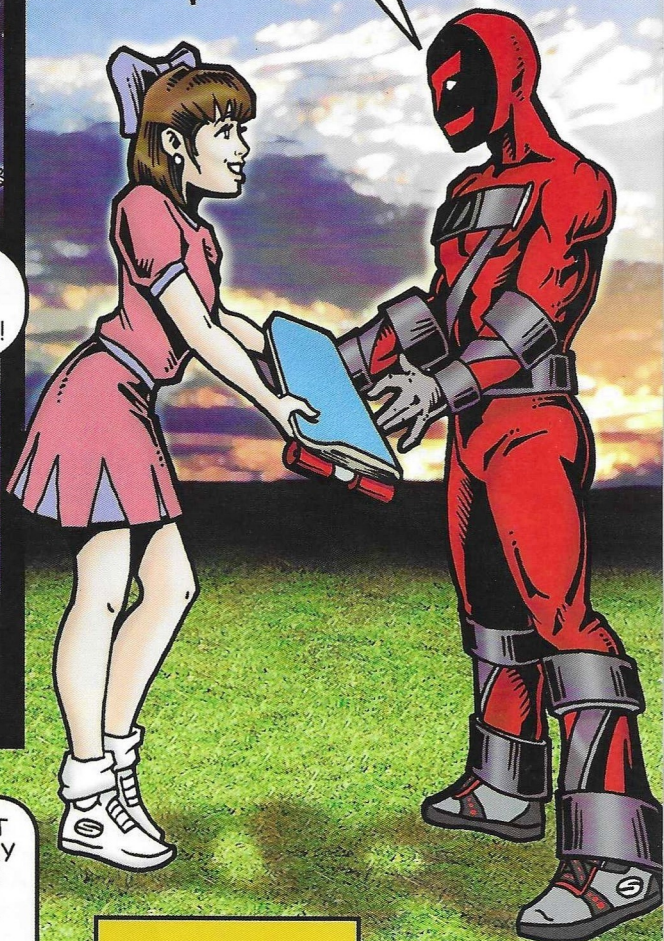


THAT WOULD BE NICE, BUT
I'M KINDA WAITING FOR MY
FRIEND, JASON... HE WAS
SUPPOSED TO MEET ME
HERE... I WONDER WHERE
HE IS?



THANKS, Z STRAP... HERE, I
FOUND YOUR SKATEBOARD...

THANK YOU! SAY... WOULD
YOU LIKE TO GO GET A SLICE
OF PIZZA WITH ME?



SUDDENLY, GABBY
APPEARS OUT OF
NOWHERE!

I KNOW WHERE
JASON IS!!!



BEFORE GABBY CAN SAY ANYTHING ELSE,
JASON QUICKLY TAKES HER BACK HOME

IT'S CALLED A "SECRET IDENTITY" FOR A
REASON, YOU CAN'T TELL ANYONE!!!

I WANT HALF YOUR ALLOWANCE.

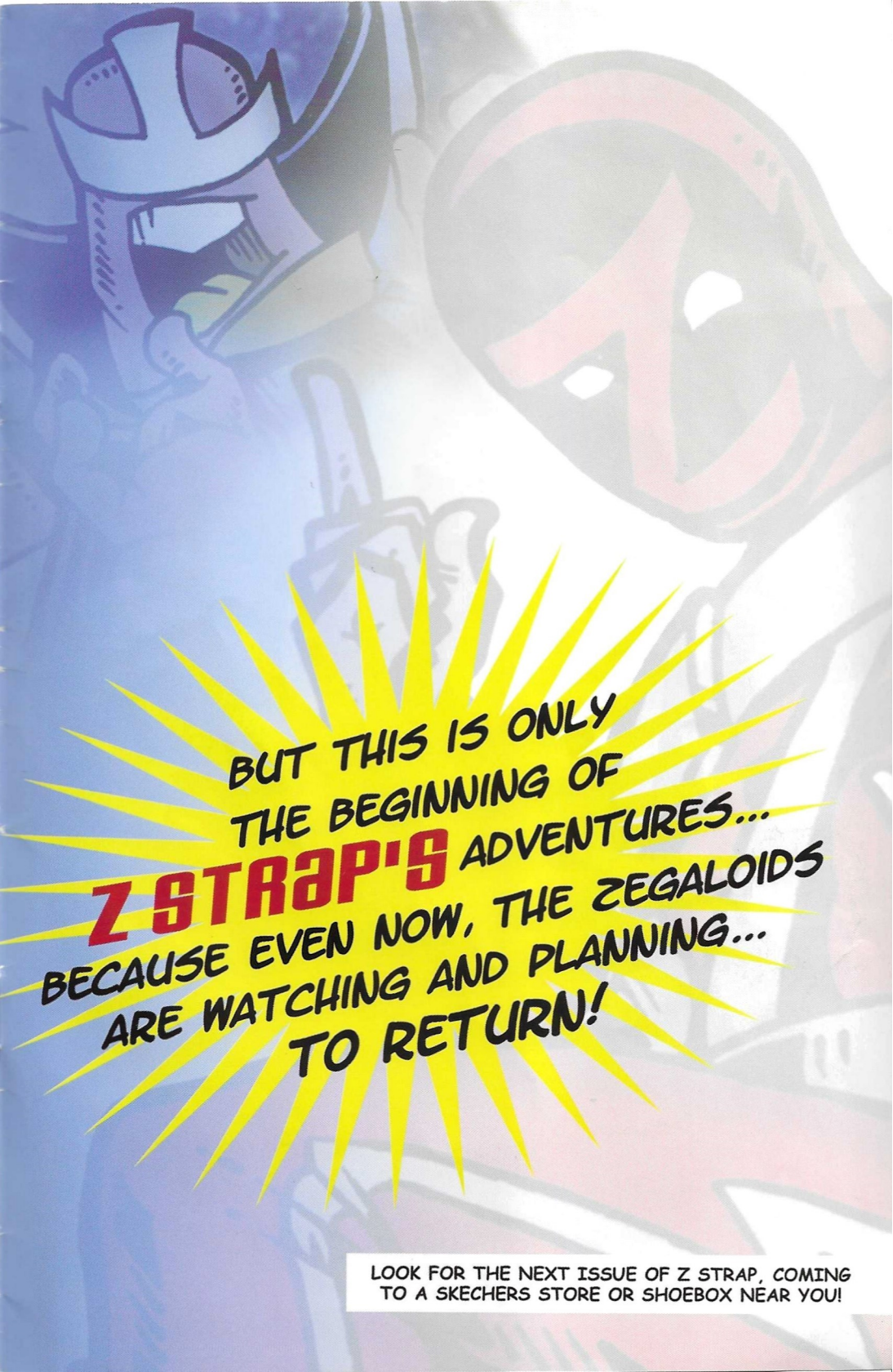
FINE.

AND YOU HAVE TO PLAY TEA PARTY
WITH ME WHENEVER I WANT YOU TO...

C'MON GABBY...
OKAY, WHATEVER!

AAAAND YOU HAVE TO...



The background features a stylized illustration. On the left, a character with a blue helmet and a yellow visor is shown in profile, looking towards the right. On the right, a large, grey, helmeted figure with a prominent red 'Z' on its face is depicted. The overall style is reminiscent of comic book art with bold lines and a limited color palette.

BUT THIS IS ONLY
THE BEGINNING OF
Z STRAP'S ADVENTURES...
BECAUSE EVEN NOW, THE ZEGALOID'S
ARE WATCHING AND PLANNING...
TO RETURN!

LOOK FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF Z STRAP, COMING
TO A SKECHERS STORE OR SHOEBOX NEAR YOU!

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